

Does Your Window Tint Comply

Most of us have a degree of windowing tinting on our vehicles. The tint could be a factory installed tinted window or an after-market product applied by a professional installer. The U.S.D.O.T. and the State of Tennessee have established limits for the amount of tinting applied to a vehicle. The Tennessee Code Annotated 55-9-102 stipulates tinting cannot be less than 35% visual light transmittance (VLT). However, the windshield of a vehicle, excluding the factory installed shade band, cannot be less than 70% VLT. It is the aftermarket applications that vehicle owners need to be concerned with. By statute, each professional installer of window tinting must place a small sticker in the right corner of the window indicating the installer's business name and a statement the tint complies with TCA 55-9-107. In addition to the small sticker, the professional installer shall also provide a signed receipt for each motor vehicle to which tinting has been applied. The receipt shall include the date of installation; make, model, color and license plate number and state; and a notation that the tinting complies with TCA 55-9-107, at the date of installation. This receipt should stay with the vehicle at all times. There are limited exceptions to the TCA tinting regulations. 1. A motor vehicle displaying a commercial license plate or government service license plates used for law enforcement purposes, those windows rearward of the front doors are exempted from the 35% VLT. 2. Also, a vehicle registered in another state must meet the standards of that state. If you are concerned about the window tinting on a vehicle, please come to the Police department and an officer can utilize a tint meter to check the degree of tint. All drivers are encouraged to insure their tint application meets the state standards. An improper degree of tint could result in a citation of \$165 and requirement to remove the improper tint. Please take the time to ensure your tint is installed by professional installers and the appropriate stickers and receipts are received. Any questions about window tinting may be directed to LT Ray Higginbotham at (931) 455-0530, or rhigginbotham@tullahomatan.gov. Questions about Police operations may be directed to Chief Paul Blackwell at (931) 455-0530 or pblackwell@tullahomatan.gov.